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Indiscriminate Filing of Foreign Patents
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has sent out a stern message to its 38 laboratories to avoid indiscriminate filing of Indian and foreign patents;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the CSIR has decided that henceforth 25% of expenses incurred on prosecution and maintenance of Indian patents and up to 50% of expenses on foreign patents will be borne by the laboratories and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether it is also true that patents are just filed for the sake of filing without any techno-commercial and legal evaluation; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam. CSIR has sent out a message to all its laboratories to avoid filing of patents without appropriate techno-commercial evaluation.

(b) In order to align the Intellectual Property strategy of CSIR with the priorities of socio-economic development including escalating costs of patent filings, this message was sent to exercise utmost due diligence in filing of patents.

(c) No, Madam.

(d)&(e) The filing of patents do follow a process of evaluation at various stages, which has been followed in all cases of patent filing. Appropriate due-diligence for techno-commercial evaluation has now been made mandatory in filing of patents by CSIR.

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